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Carol Bernthal
Superintendent
Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary

Dear Ms. Bernthal:

At the March 28, 2004 regular Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (Council) meeting, the Council unanimously passed a resolution that reads as follows:

“The Council notes that the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the State of Washington and the Northwest Cruise Ship Association regarding cruise ship discharge practices provides little additional protection to waters of the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary beyond that which already exists.

The Council also notes that in a large area of the Sanctuary, outside the voluntary Area to Be Avoided (ATBA), cruise ships will be free to discharge wastes in accordance with international standards including gray water, black water, and other harmful wastes.

The Council further notes that this region of the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary is an area where the highest counts of marine mammal and marine birds in the Sanctuary have been recorded. In addition, much of this area is dominated by the Juan de Fuca eddy that researchers believe concentrates nutrients and may be an incubator for major harmful algal bloom events that strike the Washington coast, poisoning shellfish and putting tribal and non-tribal people at risk.

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Given the situation as described above, the Council recommends that the Sanctuary Superintendent provide comments to the State of Washington recommending that paragraph 1.1 of the Memorandum of Understanding be extended to include all waters of the OCNMS.”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'TK', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Terrie Klinger, Chair
Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council